

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing resource passwords, comprising:
identifying a plurality of resources that are part of a group of resources by retrieving a user password profile in which groups of resources are identified along with corresponding password information;
updating a first password for a first resource in the group of resources; and
updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources based on the updating of the first password for the first resource.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first password and the second password are the same.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes updating passwords for each of the resources in the group of resources to be the same as the first password.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein updating the first password for a the first resource and updating the second password for the second resource is are both performed in response to determining that the first password is about to expire.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying a group of resources includes retrieving a user password profile in which groups of resources are identified along with corresponding password information at least one process spawns threads to update the first password and second password.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying a group of resources includes:
providing a user with a listing of resources to which the user is given access;
receiving selections from the user for grouping various ones of the resources into groups of resources; and
storing the groups of resources in a user password profile.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein providing the user with a listing of resources includes providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources may be grouped together based upon security parameters associated with the resources.
8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein providing the user with a listing of resources includes providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources are already grouped with one another.
9. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
storing a password in association with each of the groups of resources, wherein the password is used with each of the resources in a corresponding group of resources.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes updating only selected ones of the resources in the group of resources.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes:
prompting a user to change a password for one or more of the resources in the group of resources; and
changing the password for the one or more resources selected by the user.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the one or more resources selected by the user includes all of the resources in the group of resources.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the group of resources is a group of resources each of which use the same password to authenticate a user's access to the resource.
14. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user password profile is stored on a server.

15. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user password profile is stored on a client device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user password profile is distributed across the resources.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating the second password is performed automatically.

18. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for managing resource passwords, comprising:

first instructions for identifying a plurality of resources that are part of a group of resources;

second instructions for updating a first password for a first resource in the group of resources; and

third instructions for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources based on the updating of the first password for the first resource, wherein the second password is updated automatically without user intervention.

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the first password and the second password are the same.

20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the third instructions for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources include instructions for updating passwords for each of the resources in the group of resources to be the same as the first password.

21. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the second instructions for updating the first password for a the first resource and the third instructions for updating the second password for the second resource are both executed in response to determining that the first password is about to expire.

22. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the first instructions include instructions for retrieving a user password profile in which groups of resources are identified along with corresponding password information.

23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the first instructions include:

instructions for providing a user with a listing of resources to which the user is given access;

instructions for receiving selections from the user for grouping various ones of the resources into groups of resources; and

instructions for storing the groups of resources in a user password profile.

24. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the instructions for providing the user with a listing of resources include instructions for providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources may be grouped together based upon security parameters associated with the resources.

25. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the instructions for providing the user with a listing of resources include instructions for providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources are already grouped with one another.

26. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising:

instructions for storing a password in association with each of the groups of resources, wherein the password is used with each of the resources in a corresponding group of resources.

27. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the third instructions for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources include instructions for updating only selected ones of the resources in the group of resources.

28. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the third instructions for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources include:

instructions for prompting a user to change a password for one or more of the resources in the group of resources; and

instructions for changing the password for the one or more resources selected by the user.

29. (Original) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the one or more resources selected by the user includes all of the resources in the group of resources.

30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the group of resources is a group of resources each of which use the same password to authenticate a user's access to the resource.

31. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing resource passwords, comprising:
means for identifying a plurality of resources that are part of a group of resources,
wherein the group of resources is a group of resources each of which use the same password to authenticate a user's access to a resource defined to the group of resources;
means for updating a first password for a first resource in the group of resources; and
means for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources based on the updating of the first password for the first resource.

32. (Original) A method of managing resource passwords, comprising:
identifying a plurality of resources that may be grouped together according to security parameters associated with the plurality of resources;
receiving a selection of two or more of the plurality of resources to be grouped together in a family of resources;
updating a first password for a first resource in the family of resources; and
updating a second password for a second resource in the family of resources based on the updating of the first password.